



SBARA GROUNDPLANE

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President's Corner - August 2016

Well...August is here and the year continues to scream by. Tuesday, August 2nd was National Night Out. I am the block captain for our street and the adjacent street. We teamed up with another group around the corner, got a City permit, and closed the street for a few hours. We had a good turnout and a good time was had by all. I brought my HT with the intent to participate in the **Tri-City Em-comm Net**, but was so busy talking to neighbors, I missed it.

You know...there are all kinds of write-ups about etiquette on the air...whether it be on HF or on a repeater. I know I have mentioned this before, but I really like the DX Code of Conduct (<http://www.dx-code.org/>) when it comes to guidelines for HF (and maybe leaning toward contesting). But for the new HF operator, I think it is a great place to start. There is a short list and an expanded list which includes helpful hints. Here is the short list:

- I will listen, and listen, and then listen again before calling.
- I will only call if I can copy the DX station properly.
- I will not trust the DX cluster and will be sure of the DX station's call sign before calling.
- I will not interfere with the DX station nor anyone calling and will never tune up on the DX frequency or in the QSO slot.
- I will wait for the DX station to end a contact before I call.
- I will always send my full call sign.
- I will call and then listen for a reasonable interval. I will not call continuously.
- I will not transmit when the DX operator calls another call sign, not mine.
- I will not transmit when the DX operator queries a call sign not like mine.
- I will not transmit when the DX station requests geographic areas other than mine.
- When the DX operator calls me, I will not repeat my call sign unless I think he has copied it incorrectly.
- I will be thankful if and when I do make a contact.

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On the N6NFI repeater, there has been a war of words regarding broadcasting. There has been an individual who tends to just start talking out to the air hoping someone may come back and chat. I think a more common way to do this is to just announce your call sign...or another common way is to announce your call sign and indicate that you are monitoring or listening. It really is a choice for someone to come back to you after you announce like that. I have to laugh sometimes when people continue to announce their call and that they are monitoring. Trust me...if someone is available and WANTS to chat, they will. IMHO, there is no need to keep announcing that you are listening in hopes of getting someone to talk. Frankly...I don't see a problem with being a little more straightforward about it and just come out and ask if anyone would like to chat.

Another issue that comes up a lot is music. FCC Part 97 Rules & Regulations (specifically 97.113 (c)) states: "No station shall retransmit programs or signals emanating from any type of radio station other than an amateur station, except propagation and weather forecast information intended for use by the general public and originated from United States Government stations, and communications, including incidental music, originating on United States Government frequencies between a manned spacecraft and its associated Earth stations." I'm sorry, but IMHO, I don't think it's worth getting all hot and bothered about someone who happens to have some music playing in the background.

The other tricky etiquette issue I ran into recently is carrying on a conversation with multiple stations. Some operators are really good at it, some try their best to maintain a rotation, and others just can't handle it. I was participating in a three way conversation, the other morning, on the W6SRR repeater while on my commute out to Pleasanton. At the end of each of my transmissions, I handed it over to the same guy...to keep the rotation consistent. But as soon as one guy mentioned something of interest to the other guy, the two suddenly completely forgot that we once had three people and just quick keyed...continuing their conversation without giving me a chance to participate. It was a bit frustrating, but since I arrived at work, I just turned off the rig, and went inside.

Speaking of etiquette and practice...you all should have received Al Rendon's reminder about the Zucchini Festival this month on Saturday and Sunday, August 20th and 21st. This is a VERY important event for SBARA as a sizable donation is contributed to the club for shifts worked. This event is an excellent opportunity to fine tune your operating skills while participating in a directed net supporting the infrastructure of the festival. [NOTE: The secret word for a free raffle ticket at the next SBARA meeting is "ZUCCHINI." Write this word down on a piece of paper and hand it to Larry at the raffle table for a free ticket. Limit one ticket per person.] FRS radios will be provided. I see there are still several shifts in need of coverage on Sunday and a few on Saturday. **PLEASE go to http://sbara.org/zucchini_reg.php and use the online form to sign-up for one or more shifts!** There will be a drawing for a \$250 HRO gift certificate. Increase your chances to win by signing up for multiple shifts. One ticket is entered for each shift you work. It's a lot of fun! Just be sure to wear a hat and bring sunscreen!!!

73! Steve KG6HJU

SBARA Membership Participation for Hayward Zucchini Festival 2016

SBARA is looking for volunteers from within our membership to volunteer at this years **Hayward Zucchini** Festival in Hayward on August 20th and 21st.

For every shift you work, we are provided a donation as a result of our efforts to help continue our programs throughout the year. The leadership team is asking those of you who haven't yet to consider signing up for a shift on August 20th and 21st.

You do not need to bring anything since the Festival provides the FRS radios.

It's fun for the family too. If you are interested in bringing the entire family, Mike Fung WA6AWI will provide a family pass for any SBARA member who signs up for a shift.

If you haven't participated in the past give it a try this year. The festival is close by in Hayward and takes only a few hours of your time. The benefit is enormous for SBARA.

Go to www.sbara.org and click on the flashing 'Hayward Zucchini Festival' in the menu bar for map to Kennedy Park. For signing up or if you have any questions, contact Al Rendon at (510) 656-2427 or by e-mail at: wt6k@arrl.net.



Pacificon 2016 San Ramon Marriott—October 14th -16th

For additional information on the Event, details are located within the Pacificon website!



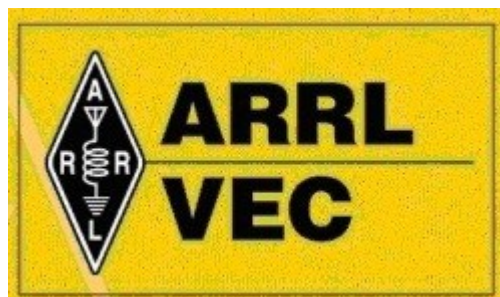
IMPORTANT AMATUER RADIO WEB PAGE LINKS

www.arrl.org
www.colpage.org
www.qrz.com
www.dailydx.com
www.twit.tv/hn
www.dxspots.com

SBARA Membership meeting Friday,
August 12th, 2016 at 7:30 p.m.

Hurricane Electric, 760 Mission Court
(off of Warm Springs Blvd), Fremont

Join us at 6:00 p.m. for the pre-
meeting dinner at; Ho Chow Restau-
rant, 47966 Warm Springs Blvd, Fre-
mont. (510) 657-0683



Nets and other Club Information

The Slow CW Net

Every Thursday (on 144.230 MHz) and Sunday (on 7.057 MHz +/- 3 KHz) night at 7:30 pm.

You need an "all-mode" transceiver in order to participate in this net.. The net now has its own email address. Please contact us here: : "SF Bay CW Enthusiasts" <sf-bay-cw-enthusiasts at googlegroups.com>

—... — Bernhard AE6YN

Monday SBARA Net

The SBARA net takes place every Monday night at 7:30 pm on the WA6PWV repeater, 147.015 MHz, positive offset, PL (if enabled) 103.5 Hz.

Topics are club related things, projects you're working on and so on. It's a chat net. We need net control operators. If you'd like to be net control, let us know during the next net.

—... — Bernhard AE6YN